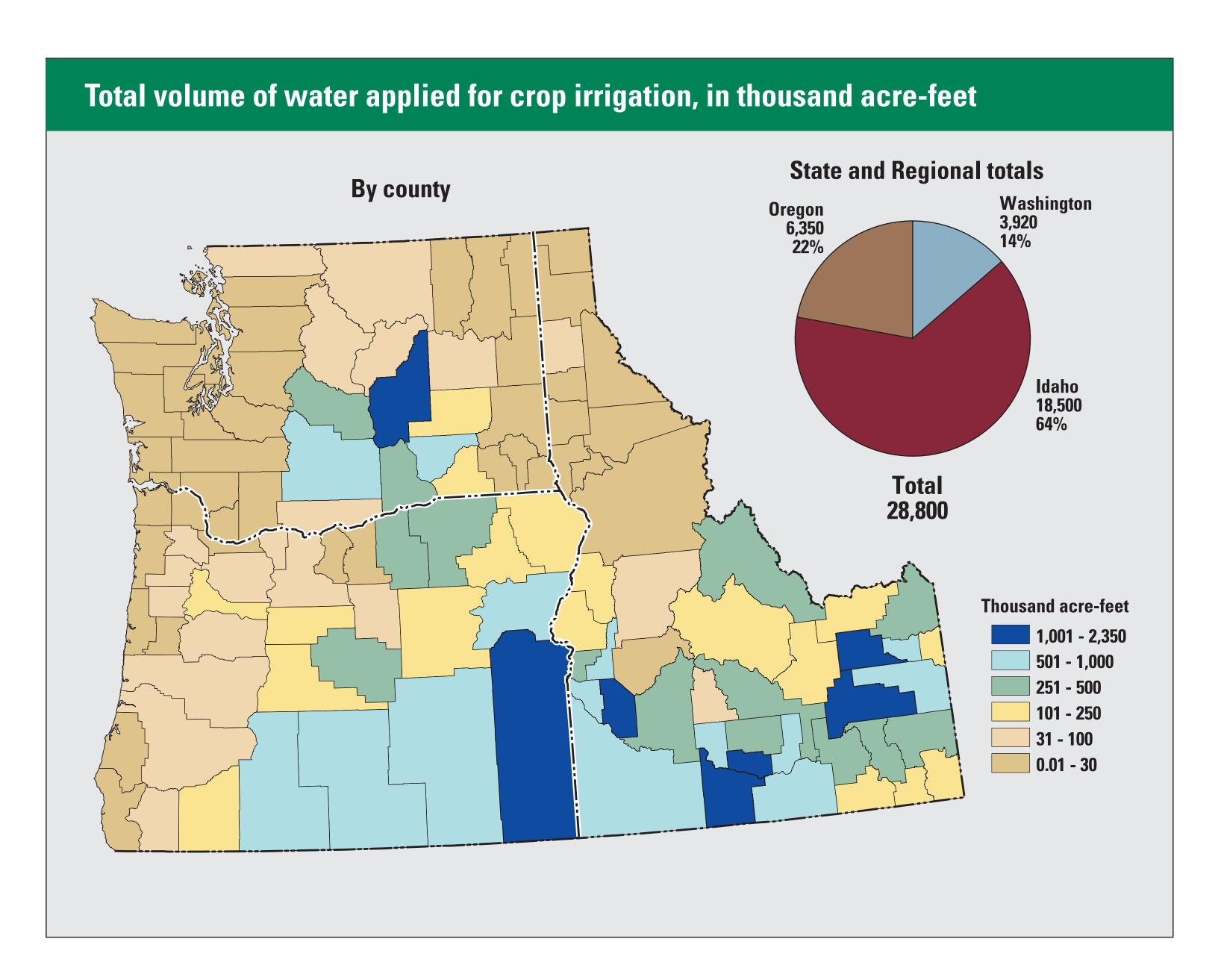
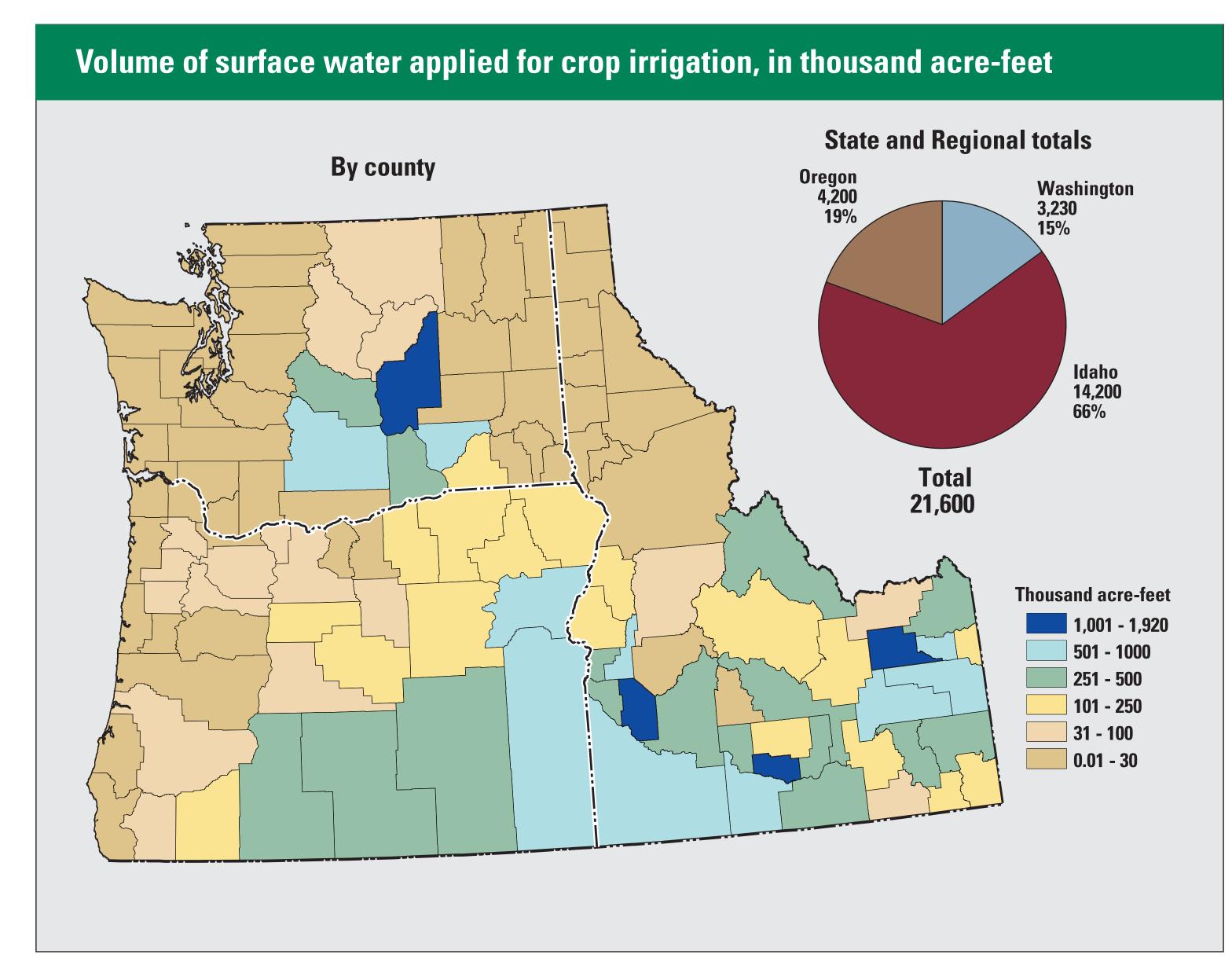


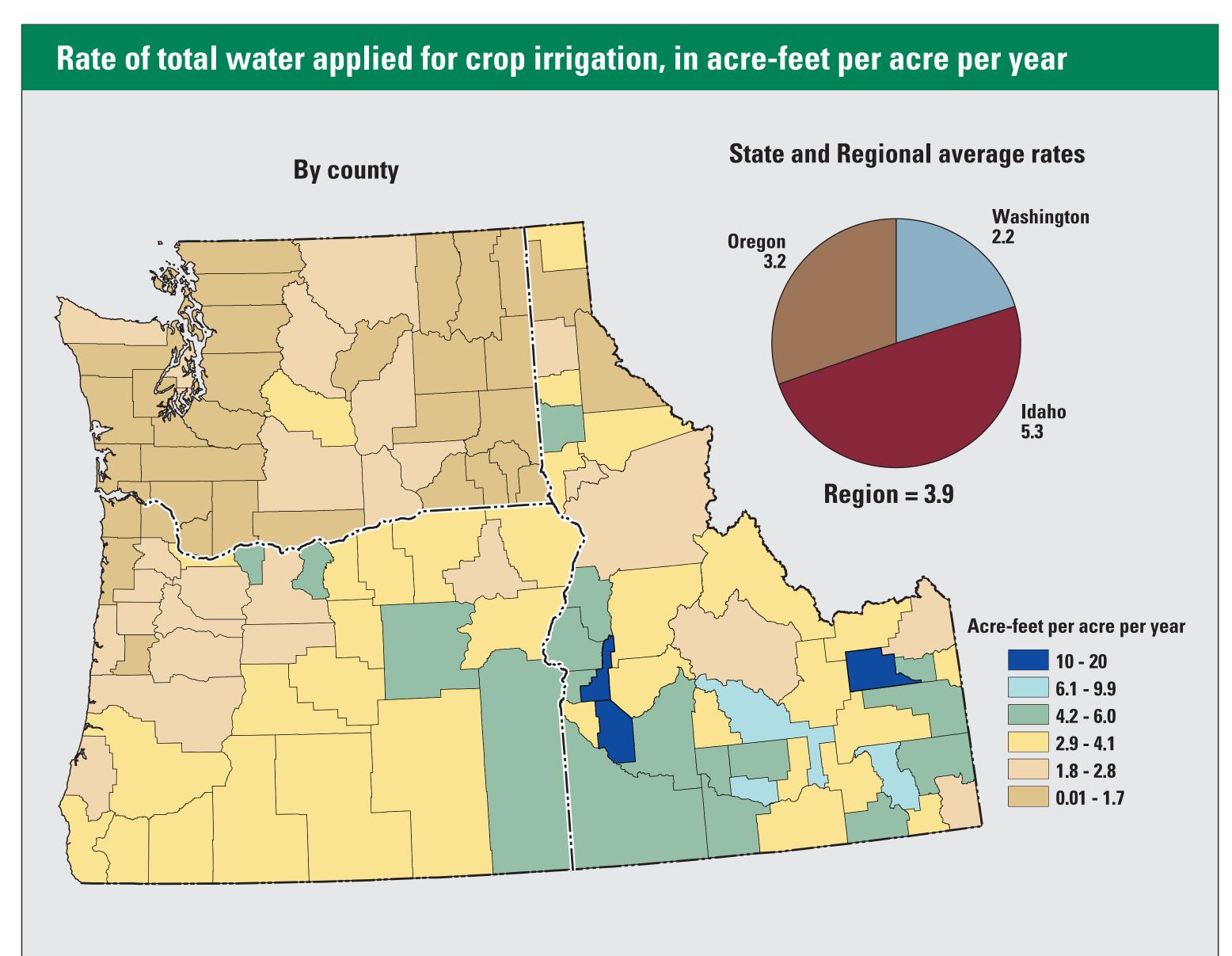
## Estimated Crop Irrigation Water Use in the Pacific Northwest, 2005

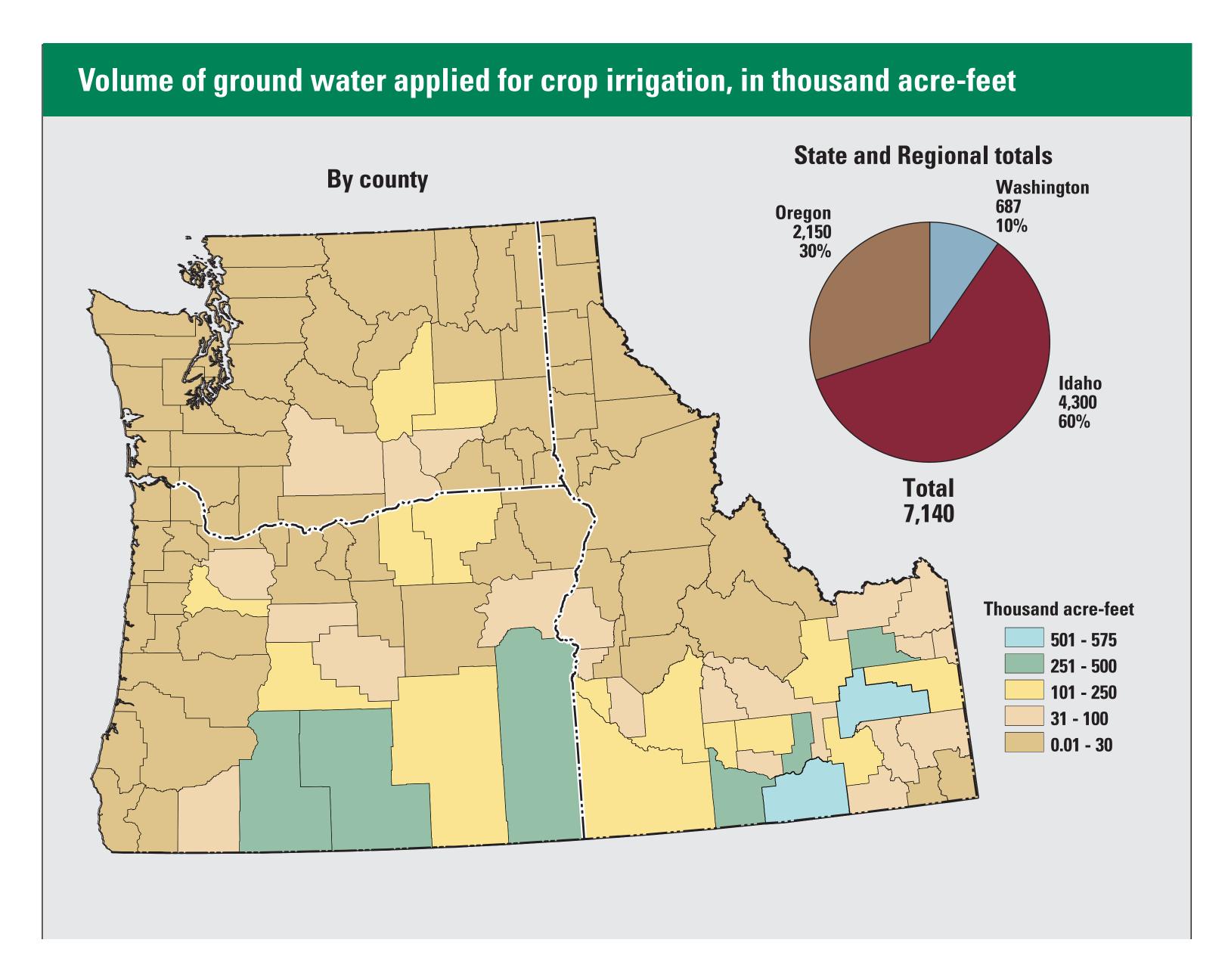
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Water use in the Pacific Northwest has evolved in the past century from meager domestic and stock water needs to the current complex requirements for publicwater supplies, large irrigation projects, industrial plants and numerous other uses. Since 1950, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has, at 5-year intervals, compiled and published estimates of the amount of water used for various purposes throughout the United States. Because water-use and management decisions made in one State may affect water resources in adjacent States, we must begin to examine and analyze water use at the regional level and not just at the State level. This poster presents the Crop Irrigation Water Use for 2005 in the Pacific Northwest using data compiled and published by USGS Water Science Centers in Washington, Idaho, and Oregon. This single-water use category accounted for 80 percent of the total reported fresh-water use in the Pacific Northwest during 2005.









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